

Appendix F: SHPO Delisting Notification

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Mai-Liis Bartling, Acting General Superintendent
Golden Gate National Recreation Area
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FORT MASON, SAN FRANCISCO CA 94123

Re: Re-Evaluation of the National Register of Historic Places Eligibility of Site SF-87-L,
Forts Baker, Barry, and Chronkhite Historic District, San Francisco and Marin
Counties.

Dear Ms. Bartling:

Thank you for submitting to our office your May 14, 2003 letter and Amendment to the National Register Nomination (Amended Nomination) for Nike Missile Launch Site SF-87-L, a contributing feature to the Forts Baker, Barry, and Chronkhite (FBBC) Historic District, a property located in San Francisco and Marin Counties. The FBBC Historic District is listed on the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP). Nike Missile Launch Site SF-87-L (Site SF-87-L) was constructed circa 1955 at Fort Chronkhite by the U.S. Army to house and operate a Nike missile designed to defend portions of San Francisco and Marin counties from naval or aerial attack. The facility operated under the Army's command until 1974. In 1975, the California Marine Mammal Center (CMMC), now the Marine Mammal Center (TMMC), began operations at the Launch Area of Site SF-87-L. TMMC is an animal hospital dedicated to the rescue, rehabilitation, and release of marine mammals; study of causes of their diseases; and education of the public about marine mammals.

TMMC is in the scoping phase of an Environmental Assessment (EA) through which it is planning to modernize its facilities for treatment and study of rescued marine mammals. In the intervening years since TMMC has been established, a number of modifications to the property have taken place, including the construction of new above-ground structures and roads, the removal of perimeter security fencing, the removal of all classified equipment and missiles used in the missile program, remodeling of the Sentry Station (S-1103) and the Ready Building (S-1104), the addition of water filtration systems, classrooms, evergreen trees, ornamental plants, and other vegetation, and the Harbor Seal Hospital.

NPS is seeking my determination of the eligibility of Site SF-87-L for inclusion on the NRHP in accordance with 36 CFR 800, regulations implementing Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. A review of the Amended Nomination leads me to concur with NPS's determination that Site SF-87-L is no longer eligible for inclusion on the NRHP as a contributing element to the FBBC Historic District. The property no longer conveys any associations with its historic mission of coastal missile defense. The aforementioned modifications have diminished the property's integrity of design, materials, setting, workmanship, and feeling, as well as its association with its historic period of significance (1955-1975).

Thank you again for seeking my comments on your project. If you have any questions, please contact staff historian Clarence Caesar by phone at (916) 653-8902, or by e-mail at ccaes@ohp.parks.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



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